

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :  
Regular Meeting. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Acting Chairman Bradley K. Sinnott, Acting Director Zachary E. Manifold, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Gregory K. Haas, Kimberly E. Marinello, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, called at 3:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

Franklin County Prosecutor's Office  
By Mr. Tim Lecklider  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
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On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown  
Ms. Alicia Healy  
Mr. Jeffrey Mackey  
Ms. Carolyn S. Gorup

Franklin County Board of Elections.

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1                   Tuesday Afternoon Session,  
2                   September 6, 2016.

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4                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Looks like we  
5 have the folks here. Let's go ahead with roll call.  
6                   Kimberly Marinello.

7                   MS. MARINELLO: Here.

8                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Gregory Haas.

9                   MR. HAAS: Here.

10                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad Sinnott.

11                  ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Here.

12                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a quorum.

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14                               APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We sent out the  
16 minutes of the last meeting. We are looking for  
17 changes, additions, deletions or approval.

18                  MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board  
19 approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016, Special  
20 Meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections.

21                  ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Second.

22                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
23 favor signify by saying aye.

24                               All opposed, same sign.

1 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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4 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Provisional  
6 ballots for consideration, Alicia.

7 MS. HEALY: The August 23, 2016, Special  
8 Election provisional ballots, you should have a sheet  
9 before you. We had a total of 140 provisionals that  
10 were cast. Out of those, 109 were good; 12 were  
11 rejected. Out of those rejected ones, we had for  
12 006, Form Incomplete, we had one; 200, Not  
13 Registered, we have eight; 300, No Signature, we had  
14 one; 450, Voted Absentee, we had one; and 650, Wrong  
15 Location/Precinct, we had one.

16 We have one for Board review, and we have  
17 18 of the 600s that need to be remade.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Do we want to do  
19 the one for the Board review?

20 MS. HEALY: Sure.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are starting  
22 out, am I correct, with 109 good ones and 12  
23 rejected, and then we will either add to one of those  
24 columns, right?

1 MS. HEALY: Right.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Up to 140, all  
3 right.

4 MS. HEALY: The provisional you have  
5 before you is Joel Stands, and it's a signature  
6 mismatch. Take a look at that, and then you will  
7 have a copy of his previous registration that shows  
8 the signature.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Alicia, the  
10 only problem with this is a question about the  
11 signature match?

12 MS. HEALY: Yes. Everything else is  
13 correct.

14 MR. HAAS: It's too close to reject.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: I move that the  
16 Board count Mr. Stand's provisional ballot finding  
17 that the two signatures are substantially similar.

18 MR. HAAS: Second.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
20 favor signify by saying aye.

21 All those opposed, same sign.

22 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion  
24 carries.

1           So that takes our count up to  
2   110 provisional ballots approved and 112 rejected,  
3   correct?

4           MS. HEALY:   Correct.

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6           EXTRACTION OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

7           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:  Let's move on to  
8   the Extraction of Provisional Ballots.  We need a  
9   motion.

10           We have our staff ready, am I correct?

11           MS. HEALY:  Yes.

12           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:  They are ready  
13   and waiting to extract -- how many ballots do we have  
14   ready for extraction?

15           MS. HEALY:  110.

16           ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD:  110, good.

17           MS. HEALY:  110, yes.

18           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:  All right, great.  
19   Do we have a motion?

20           MR. HAAS:  I move that the Board approve  
21   the counting of 110 provisional ballots and the  
22   rejection of 12 provisional ballots, and that all  
23   provisional ballots deemed valid will be counted and  
24   included in the official canvass results for the

1 August 23, 2016, Special Election.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Second.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
4 favor signify by saying aye.

5 All opposed, same sign.

6 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

8 Now a motion for the extraction of the  
9 provisional.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: I move that the  
11 Board authorize the staff to extract the approved  
12 provisional ballots.

13 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
15 favor signify by saying aye.

16 All opposed, same sign.

17 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

19 And then what the past practice has been  
20 is to approve the remaking of any ballot, provisional  
21 ballots that need to be made, and then the staff will  
22 come back and give a report at the end of this  
23 meeting, so we are looking for a potential motion in  
24 that regard.



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REMAKING OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

MR. HAAS: I move that the Board authorize the staff to remake provisional ballots and that these remade ballots should be tabulated and included in the official canvass of the results of the August 23, 2016, Special Election, with a report to be made to the Board later today.

MS. MARINELLO: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All opposed, same sign.

(Vote taken; motion passes.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

All right, fantastic. So, Mary went out to tell the staff?

MS. HEALY: Phil will.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay, fantastic.

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VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGES

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And we have 17 voter challenges; is that correct?

MS. HEALY: Correct.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Do you want to go

1 through those, Alicia?

2 MS. HEALY: Yes. The first challenge we  
3 have is for Gary Jones. These are vacant lots, and  
4 we're going -- I guess we have to have a motion for  
5 each one. He's at 81 North Burt, and you will have a  
6 copy in front of you that will show the vacant lot.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Alicia, maybe  
8 we can be more efficient than doing a separate vote  
9 for each of these. There is a class of vacant lot  
10 challenges, right?

11 MS. HEALY: Correct.

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: That will  
13 constitute 17 or 16 --

14 MS. HEALY: 16.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: That will be 16  
16 of the 17 we have to consider?

17 MS. HEALY: Yes.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: They are all  
19 the same scenario, right?

20 MS. HEALY: Yes.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: I don't know  
22 why we couldn't consider those together. They are  
23 similarly situated.

24 MR. HAAS: Right.

1           ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: And we can  
2 dispose of them in the same fashion.

3           MS. HEALY: Okay.

4           ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: We have often  
5 done this just by way of stacks before. So I will  
6 refer to this as Stack A. In Stack A there are 16  
7 challenges that relate to the voter being registered  
8 from a vacant lot in the estimation of the  
9 challenger; is that correct?

10          MS. HEALY: Yes.

11          ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Go ahead and  
12 add the detail for us, Alicia.

13          MS. HEALY: The comments for each one of  
14 these would be that we would flag them in the poll  
15 book, and they would have to vote by provisional  
16 ballot. And for those who do not, they will actually  
17 go into a purge status once it goes through the  
18 process. Based on our directive, that's what it  
19 tells us, that we cannot purge them out. We would  
20 have to keep them, but then we will actually mark  
21 them in the poll book to have them to be flagged, and  
22 that would cause them to vote a provisional ballot.

23          ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: How long would  
24 a voter registered at a vacant lot be on the poll

1 books before being purged?

2 MS. HEALY: If they did not vote, that  
3 amount of time would be -- we will let Carolyn  
4 explain a little bit for me.

5 MS. GORUP: The purges are based on the  
6 NVRA Act of 1992, I believe it is. After we send  
7 them the notice, they have two federal elections in  
8 which to resolve the situation, so basically four  
9 years.

10 MS. HEALY: Thank you.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Questions or  
12 comments?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I have these  
14 separated out as individual.

15 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: I would just  
16 add the reason we handle it this way, that way the  
17 voter can show up at whatever their new location is,  
18 cast the provisional ballot, and then once we verify  
19 that they're still a registered voter, rather than  
20 purging them -- because if they've been purged, if  
21 they show up and cast a provisional ballot, that  
22 ballot actually wouldn't be any good at the new  
23 location. That's why we handle them the way we do.

24 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: If the Board

1 were to wish to handle these 16 vacant-lot  
2 registrants in the fashion Alicia described, would we  
3 be sustaining the challenge or denying the challenge?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: You would be  
5 sustaining the challenge.

6 MS. HEALY: Yes.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And is it fair to  
8 say this is a process as staff we were going through  
9 anyway?

10 MS. HEALY: Yes.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: But because we  
12 received challenges --

13 MS. HEALY: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: -- it is  
15 incumbent upon us to bring it to the Board.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Alicia, as to  
17 every challenge that you have presented to us today  
18 thus far, they're all vacant lot challenges, right?

19 MS. HEALY: Correct.

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: All right. I  
21 move that the Board sustain the 16 challenges that  
22 are a part of Stack A.

23 MR. HAAS: Second.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in

1 favor signify by saying aye.

2 All opposed, same sign.

3 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

5 And we have one other challenge; is that  
6 correct, Alicia?

7 MS. HEALY: Yes. We had a challenge to  
8 come in for Andrew Raymond Shambrock. This voter  
9 does not live at the address, 5154 Schuylkill Street.  
10 We have the person that lived there, Joy Plassman,  
11 who put in the challenge. She says the person does  
12 not live there. She's lived at that residence for  
13 ten years.

14 So this individual does not live there,  
15 so we suggest that he be removed from the voter list,  
16 and that he would be -- the resolution would be an  
17 administrative purge.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Are either Joy or  
19 Raymond here, by any chance?

20 Did we send out notices to both alerting  
21 them of today's meeting?

22 MS. HEALY: We did. We sent out notices.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: How is it that  
24 Joy became aware that Raymond was registered at her

1 address?

2 MS. HEALY: She received an  
3 acknowledgment or confirmation on that list, and  
4 she called and said the person does not live at  
5 that address and what should she do with the  
6 confirmation.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: So a  
8 confirmation letter was sent in response to the  
9 challenge?

10 MS. HEALY: Actually, the confirmation  
11 letter was received because he updated his  
12 information at the BMV, and it had that address, so  
13 in turn we sent an acknowledgment letter stating  
14 update, and the update went to the address, and she  
15 received it, and she said the person does not live at  
16 the address.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: I don't think  
18 we need any intermediate steps on this one.

19 I move that the challenge be sustained  
20 and that there be an administrative purge performed  
21 in response to the challenge.

22 MR. HAAS: Second.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
24 favor signify by saying aye.

1 All opposed, same sign.

2 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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5 WITHDRAWAL OF ISSUE FROM THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item on  
7 the agenda is Withdrawal of Issue from the General  
8 Election Ballot.

9 Jeff Mackey.

10 MR. MACKEY: Today, August 30, we  
11 received from the Board of Education of Canal  
12 Winchester Local School District a resolution telling  
13 us to remove the levy request that they had  
14 previously presented to us because they had new  
15 information and didn't find it necessary to levy a  
16 new tax any longer.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: All right.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Just as a matter  
19 of process, the Board just formalizes that?

20 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

21 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board  
22 accept the request of the Board of Education of the  
23 Canal Winchester Local School District to withdraw a  
24 levy question from the ballot and that the levy shall



1 not appear on the November 8, 2016, General Election  
 2 ballot.

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
 5 favor signify by saying aye.

6 All opposed, same sign.

7 (Vote taken; motion passed unanimously.)

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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10 JOHN GLENN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

11 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item is  
 13 the John Glenn College of Public Affairs MOA. In the  
 14 past, we have partnered with the John Glenn School of  
 15 Public Affairs at The Ohio State University to bring  
 16 on two graduate students, one a Republican, the other  
 17 a Democrat. In the past we had trouble finding a  
 18 Republican. Actually, we have a fantastic gentleman,  
 19 two, actually. One resides in California and now is  
 20 going to the Ohio State University University. I  
 21 should remember Ethan's last name.

22 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: Ethan Thursby.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: He would be the  
 24 Democrat, and the Republican is Robert Mulcihy, and

1 he comes to us from Austin, Texas. Both are graduate  
2 students. They started a week or so ago. They come  
3 in 20 hours a week for two semesters. We will not  
4 have them on board for the summer semester, so it  
5 will literally just be two semesters. The cost for  
6 each of them is \$17,773 for 20 hours a week.

7 We simply pay the invoices to the John  
8 Glenn College of Public Affairs and then they  
9 reimburse the students. They're fantastic. We have  
10 them working on all kinds of projects. What Zach and  
11 I thought, rather than putting them in one  
12 department, we, for like a week, would put them in  
13 each department, let them get a feel and a good  
14 opportunity and a good sense of what we do here at  
15 the Board of Elections.

16 Ultimately, we will want to talk to them  
17 after that first eight weeks, find out what they  
18 enjoyed, what they didn't, and put them in an area  
19 that we need them but also an area that, hopefully,  
20 they will enjoy working out of.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: How many weeks  
22 does this employment last?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The schedule is  
24 in the back. The fall semester goes from August 23

1 to December 18 and the spring goes from January 9 to  
2 May 7, so August through May 7.

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: So two  
4 four-month gigs.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's correct.  
6 And they will not be here in the summer, which would  
7 require another \$12,000, so they would not be here  
8 for that. I think that, frankly, it's a program that  
9 benefits the Franklin County Board of Elections and  
10 the John Glenn College.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: The graduate  
12 students are essentially then freelance employees on  
13 board and you can assign them to where you need them?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think that's  
15 fair, yes.

16 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: Yes.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Do we know if  
18 all the money goes to the interns, or is there a  
19 processing and handling fee assessed by the John  
20 Glenn Institute?

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's certainly  
22 a question we can ask.

23 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: I don't know  
24 how they do it.

1           ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: They work eight  
2 months, and the total contract is 17,7. That's a  
3 little more than two grand a month for interns. It  
4 is half-time work, too.

5           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

6           MS. MARINELLO: It's extra credit.

7           ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: They're both  
8 very great. They will be a great asset.

9           MS. MARINELLO: Great.

10          ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: I move that the  
11 Board authorize the director and deputy director to  
12 execute a memorandum of agreement with the John Glenn  
13 College of Public Affairs not to exceed \$36,000 for  
14 the hiring of two Glenn College interns.

15          MR. HAAS: Second.

16          DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
17 favor signify by saying aye.

18          All opposed, same sign.

19          (Vote taken; motion passes.)

20          DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

21          ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: I would add I  
22 thought about it, talking to Ethan, this is one of  
23 the reasons that -- the other schools don't do this,  
24 don't have these programs in government or placement

1 programs. That was one of the reasons he came from  
2 California all the way to Ohio State, was because of  
3 this placement program that they have, and they get  
4 great experience. A lot of programs don't have that  
5 sort of thing.

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7 PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR

8 VOTE CENTER MANAGERS

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item on  
10 the agenda is Personal Services Contract for the  
11 Early Vote Center. In the past we have hired both a  
12 Republican and a Democrat to work in the Early Vote  
13 Center. What we are looking at is October 3 through  
14 November 11, 2016, and that amounts to approximately  
15 \$10,000 for each.

16 In the past, the last election, we had  
17 Joe Healy as the Republican and Don Klco as the  
18 Democrat. My understanding is that Don is not able  
19 to do it this election cycle, and so we're  
20 recommending Daniel Stewart.

21 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: He's a former  
22 state representative. He knows a lot about  
23 elections. He would be a good addition. And we hope  
24 Don gets better. Don is having some health problems.

1                   ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: He did a great  
2 job.

3                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: He did do a great  
4 job, and what is good, Joe Healy studied under Don,  
5 so I feel very confident that Joe can bring Daniel up  
6 to speed, and we'll have a good crew in there.

7                   MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board  
8 authorize the director and deputy director to execute  
9 personal service contracts not to exceed \$10,000 for  
10 Joseph Healy and Daniel Stewart to manage the Early  
11 Vote Center located at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus,  
12 Ohio.

13                   ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Second.

14                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
15 favor signify by saying aye.

16                   All opposed, same sign.

17                   (Vote taken; motion passes.)

18                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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20                   ADVERTISING BUDGET

21                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So the  
22 advertising budget, as you recall a couple meetings  
23 ago we went over with Ben Piscitelli, who is our  
24 communications director here, and I worked with Bill

1 Anthony, and we developed what we think is a very  
2 aggressive media plan that incorporates both earned  
3 media and paid media, and so what I'd like to do is  
4 go over that.

5 Right now what we have in mind, as far as  
6 earned media we want to be very proactive, more so  
7 than in the past. And when I say "earned media,"  
8 that's media that we don't have to pay for. It's  
9 just from legwork, doing news releases. We will do  
10 some press conferences; media availability; website  
11 postings; social media, we have a fantastic social  
12 media presence; absentee mailings that the Secretary  
13 of State is actually doing; early vote signage. They  
14 painted our dilapidated-looking sign out there. We  
15 are supposed to have new frontage signage as early as  
16 September 16, so we're excited about that.

17 MS. MARINELLO: On the building or on  
18 that thing?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: On that, believe  
20 it or not.

21 MS. MARINELLO: That's great.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And then WCMH and  
23 WSTX, we have been working with them to have what I  
24 would refer to as a phone bank where we are on a

1 certain broadcast where people can call in if they  
2 have questions about registration, where to vote  
3 early, how to get an absentee ballot, where their  
4 polling location on election day is. So that's sort  
5 of the earned media.

6 As it relates to the paid media, we want  
7 to work with our County Prosecutor to hire two  
8 bipartisan advertising consultants, recognizing best  
9 practices in awarding the two contracts. Each of  
10 these contracts would be a total of -- it would be a  
11 total of \$30,000. Each of the contractors would get  
12 \$15,000 for consultants to help us develop and  
13 execute a communications advertising plan not to  
14 exceed \$265,000.

15 So the full-blown budget for both earned  
16 and paid media would be \$295,000. We have consultant  
17 one, who would be developing a television media  
18 budget. Consultant one would also hype and produce  
19 media spots. Consultant one would place the  
20 television ads.

21 Consultant two would work on radio.  
22 Consultant two would work on newspaper advertising.  
23 Consultant two would work on digital media, and  
24 consultant two would work on social media. That's



1 kind of it.

2 Zach?

3 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: I think that's  
4 a good outline. I think it's just -- it's a little  
5 bit less than we normally spend, but I think it's  
6 just kind of doing more with less.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The one thing,  
8 and to justify the decrease in expenditures, we don't  
9 have Golden Week, which we were looking at  
10 potentially advertising for. The other thing, the  
11 Early Vote Center folks have been coming here long  
12 enough that it's an established vote center, and I  
13 don't think we need to spend as much in paid media.  
14 Certainly we will let people know in earned media  
15 about the Early Vote Center and where to vote; and,  
16 again, the Secretary of State is sending out absentee  
17 ballot applications to every voter in the state of  
18 Ohio and in Franklin County.

19 MR. HAAS: Well, I don't know. I mean, I  
20 think we let our consultants in large part direct the  
21 message. There's no reason to exclude one message  
22 versus another.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I would agree.

24 MR. HAAS: And there's no reason to not

1 include the location of where we're at and where  
2 people can vote early and the times they can vote  
3 early, so that definitely should be included in the  
4 communication.

5 I know one of the things that I think  
6 when we're looking at this lower figure in terms of  
7 what we originally budgeted, advertising is focused  
8 on Franklin County. Franklin County is paying for  
9 this, and so, obviously, we can use alternatives,  
10 like cable --

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

12 MR. HAAS: -- and newspaper, radio,  
13 billboard, those kind of things --

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Absolutely.

15 MR. HAAS: -- that work within this  
16 budget.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Absolutely. I  
18 didn't want to limit it to what I said. I was kind  
19 of giving overall, but you're right, the message can  
20 be developed in consultation with the staff here.

21 MR. HAAS: There's no reason it can't be  
22 multiple tasked.

23 MS. MARINELLO: It won't create a kind of  
24 problem having the Democrat doing separate jobs and

1 the Republican doing separate jobs?

2 ACTING DIRECTOR MANIFOLD: They've always  
3 kind of broken it up.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have always  
5 broken it up that way. In working with Purchasing  
6 and the County Prosecutor, it literally has to be  
7 broken that way to make sure we are doing all the  
8 procurement correctly. We don't want to get sideways  
9 with anyone.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Well, I do  
11 think the Board members would be interested in  
12 hearing what it is we will be doing in paid  
13 advertising. It probably is a situation where the  
14 message is going to go beyond, "People, there's going  
15 to be a presidential election on November 8." We  
16 talked about that before.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Right.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Zach, David, I  
19 think you have done very good work here, and I  
20 congratulate you on a plan that will save the  
21 taxpayers of Franklin County \$270,000.

22 I move that the Board authorizer the  
23 director and deputy director to execute two  
24 advertising contracts with two bipartisan consultants

1 for \$15,000 each (\$30,000 total) to develop and  
 2 execute an aggressive earned and paid media program  
 3 not to exceed \$265,000.

4 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
 6 favor signify by saying aye.

7 All opposed, same sign.

8 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think we have  
 13 some personnel issues to discuss, hiring of folks, so  
 14 do we want to at this point go into executive  
 15 session?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Pursuant to ORC  
 17 Section 121.22(G) (1&3), I move that the Franklin  
 18 County Board of Elections go into Executive Session  
 19 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal,  
 20 discipline, promotion, demotion, and/or compensation  
 21 of a public employee.

22 ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: Second.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Take a roll call.  
 24 Kimberly Marinello.

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MS. MARINELLO: Yes.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.  
MR. HAAS: Yes.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.  
ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: Yes.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

We are now in Executive Session.

(Executive Session.)

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MR. HAAS: I move that the Franklin  
County Board of Elections adjourn from Executive  
Session and that no votes or official actions were  
taken during the Executive Session.

ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Roll call.  
Kimberly Marinello.

MS. MARINELLO: Yes.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.

MR. HAAS: Yes.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: Yes.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion passes.

We are no longer in Executive Session.

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FILL VACANCY OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS DIRECTOR

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item on the agenda is filling the vacancy of Board of Elections director.

MR. HAAS: I move that the Board hire Ed Leonard as the director of the Franklin County Board of Elections beginning September 19, 2016, at a compensation rate of \$59.24 per hour.

MS. MARINELLO: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Roll call.  
Kimberly Marinello.

MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.

MR. HAAS: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

MR. HAAS: Welcome, Ed.

DIRECTOR LEONARD: It's good to be back.

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SALARY INCREASE FOR ZACH MANIFOLD

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item we are talking about is a salary increase for Zach Manifold.

1 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board  
2 increase Zach Manifold's salary by \$10,000, which  
3 would be a compensation salary of \$39.13 per hour.

4 MR. HAAS: Second.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Roll call vote.

6 Kimberly Marinello.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.

9 MR. HAAS: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Yes.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

13 On September 2, we had the  
14 resignation/retirement of Ben Piscitelli, who had  
15 been our communications director for over nine years.  
16 He did a fantastic job. I understand he's going to  
17 be playing a little more golf, traveling the country,  
18 going to some national parks, and we have a letter of  
19 retirement to be placed, and I would like a motion to  
20 memorialize his retirement and the good job he has  
21 done for nine years at the Franklin County Board of  
22 Elections.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: We certainly  
24 appreciate Ben's service to the Board. He's been

1 very good in his job.

2 I move that the Board accept Ben  
3 Piscitelli's retirement, that is, his resignation, as  
4 of September 2, 2016.

5 MR. HAAS: Second.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
7 favor signify by saying aye.

8 All opposed, same sign.

9 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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12 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR POSITION

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item is  
14 an opening in the communications director position.

15 ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: I move that the  
16 Board promote Aaron Sellers to the position of  
17 communications director at the Franklin County Board  
18 of Elections beginning September 6, 2016, at a  
19 compensation rate of \$30.04 per hour.

20 MR. HAAS: Second.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Roll call vote.  
22 Kimberly Marinello.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.



1 MR. HAAS: Yes.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Yes.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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6 PEO RECRUITING POSITION

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: PEO Recruiting,  
8 we have upwards of 4,000 poll workers that we need to  
9 put in place in between now and election day, 4,000  
10 here in Franklin County. I was told today we have  
11 over a thousand youth at the booths, which is  
12 fantastic, so we have done a great job of recruiting  
13 young people to work at the polls.

14 There are a number of Republican  
15 officials that are working at the polls as well as  
16 Democrats, but we still need to recruit, not only for  
17 this election but ongoing, so the idea was to create  
18 a PEO recruiting position.

19 ACTING CHARIMAN SINNOTT: I move that the  
20 Board hire Brian Metzbower to the position of PEO  
21 recruiting manager at the Franklin County Board of  
22 Elections beginning September 15, 2016, at a  
23 compensation rate of \$25.24 per hour.

24 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Roll call.

2 Kimberly Marinello.

3 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.

5 MR. HAAS: Yes.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Yes.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion passes.

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10 TEMPORARY MANAGER OF VOTER SERVICES

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item on  
 12 here is Temporary Manager of Voter Services. Renee  
 13 Klco is the manager of Voter Services, and she has  
 14 been unable to come to work on a regular basis and is  
 15 on medical leave right now.

16 We hired awhile back -- I don't think  
 17 Mary Hackett is here. She is out opening provisional  
 18 ballots, but she has done and is doing a fantastic  
 19 job. We would like to see her stay on in that  
 20 position as temporary manager of Voter Services until  
 21 November 30.

22 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board  
 23 hire Mary Hackett as temporary manager of Voter  
 24 Services beginning September 1, 2016, and ending

1 November 30, 2016, at an hourly rate of \$37.00 per  
2 hour.

3 MR. HAAS: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We will take a  
5 vote.

6 Kimberly Marinello.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Greg Haas.

9 MR. HAAS: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Yes.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

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14 PROVISIONAL BALLOT UPDATE

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Let me see.

16 Alicia, do we have a provisional ballot update?

17 MS. HEALY: Yes. You have before you the  
18 final provisional counts. There are, again, a total  
19 of 140 provisionals that were cast. Out of that 140,  
20 128 were good. Out of those, 18 that we had to do  
21 remakes. Out of those, eight were remade, but the  
22 other ten were good. Then we had 12 that were  
23 rejected.

24 MR. HAAS: The 18 were all good?

1 MS. HEALY: Yes. They're just in a  
 2 different category. The eight we had to actually  
 3 remake, they were still good, but we had to put them  
 4 under a code of 600.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Great.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: You need no  
 7 action from us on that report, do you?

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: No, we don't need  
 9 any action on that. What I need to do now, I don't  
 10 know if the Board would like me to go check to see  
 11 where we are as far as running the ballots, and Jeff  
 12 Mackey and Carla need to run the numbers, so we  
 13 combine these numbers with the unofficial total on  
 14 election night, which requires certification. It  
 15 shouldn't take long. Do you want to recess?

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Why don't you  
 17 run back and find out where they are.

18 (Recess taken.)

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20 CERTIFICATION OF THE AUGUST 23

21 SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item on  
 23 the agenda is a Certification of the August 23,  
 24 Special Election Results. I will turn that over to

1 Jeff Mackey.

2 MR. MACKEY: The official results, all  
3 four recall issues failed.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there anything  
5 you need to go over?

6 Any questions from the Board for more  
7 clarification?

8 Jeff, is there anything unusual about  
9 this?

10 MR. MACKEY: No.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Then I move  
12 that the Board certify and declare as final the  
13 official canvass of the votes cast at the August 23,  
14 2016, Special Election for Upper Arlington as  
15 submitted by staff.

16 MR. HAAS: Second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
18 favor signify by saying aye.

19 All opposed, same sign.

20 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

22 MR. MACKEY: We hand you the official  
23 certification form to sign.

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ADJOURNMENT

ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Why don't we  
adjourn.

MR. HAAS: Why don't we.

ACTING CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: I think that is  
a motion and second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
favor signify by saying aye.

All opposed, same sign.

(Vote taken; motion passes.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are in  
adjournment.

(The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

*Rosemary Foster Anderson*

Rosemary Foster Anderson,  
Professional Reporter and Notary  
Public in and for the State of  
Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2019.

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